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Report Highlights:

This weekly report contains data on rice prices in the U.S. and the EU. It also lists current import duties in the EU. All information will be published as such in the USDA publication "Rice Market News".

EU Brown rice tariff for the period September 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006 is EUR 42.50/MT. There is a new milled rice tariff – EUR 145/MT (from EUR 175/MT) and a new tariff for broken rice – EUR 65/MT (from EUR 128/MT), both changes are backdated to September 1, 2005.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Legislation lowering EU milled rice and broken rice duties has been published. The new milled rice tariff will be EUR 145/MT and the new broken rice tariff will be EUR 65/MT, both backdated to September 1, 2005. Note that in the future the milled rice import tariff can vary once every six months between EUR 145/MT and EUR 175/MT based on the previous period's import volumes.

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2005/l_346/l_34620051229en00260029.pdf

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LOWEST OFFERING PRICES Basis C&F ARAG (unless otherwise stated)

Whole Long-Grain – old crop prices for immediate delivery

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
UNITED STATES***	Bulk	Bulk
2 Milled 4 pct *	-	-
2 Brown 4/73 pct	352.74	16.00
Medium Milled 2/4 *	-	-
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	363.76	16.50

* F.A.S. basis

** While nominal price quotes are for 1 BROWN PARB 4/88, these quotes in reality refer to rice that meets all U.S. No.1 requirements except for one or two categories. Current and historical trade practice is for rice shipped to the EU to be graded only as No.2 and to be further processed upon arrival.

*** Note – These prices are spot prices and should not be used as an indication of future or forward prices.

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
EUROPEAN UNION			
Spain, Indica, Paddy	175	209	9.48
Spain, Indica, Milled	405	484	21.95
Italy, Thaibonnet, paddy	235	281	12.73
Italy, Thaibonnet, milled	515	615	27.91
Italian Indica, 5%, milled	400	478	21.68
Italian Indica, 5% milled, sortex, parboiled	430	514	23.30

Prices on local markets (Italy). Italian Indica prices: basis - bulk, free on truck. Spanish indica price, delivered northern Europe.

Thai prices are available from FAS/Bangkok's weekly rice report via

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp>

IMPORT LEVIES, from 9/1/2005 to 28/02/2006

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
		ACP	General	ACP
1006 20, Brown/Husked	42.5	14.17	51.32	17.11
1006 30, Milled/White	145	48.33	175.09	58.36
1006 40, Broken	65	21.67	78.49	26.16

EURO/US\$ rate	1.19464
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Source: FT, February 21, 2006

EU Import License Data

The next review of the EU brown rice import tariff will take place in early March 2006. The tariff will be set for the period March 1 2006 to August 31 2006. The tariff will be based on import license volumes from September 1 2005 to February 28 2006. If the import license volume of brown rice (excluding basmati brown rice) is less than 186,013 MT then the tariff will be EUR 30/MT. If the volume is between EUR 186,013 and 251,665 MT then the tariff will be EUR 42.50/MT. If the volume exceeds 251,665 MT, then the tariff will be EUR 65. Full details of the US-EU Rice Agreement and an explanation of how the new system works can be found in GAIN Report [E35132](#)¹.

So far in Marketing Year 05/06, from September 1 until February 21, brown rice import licenses (excluding basmati licenses) have totaled 198,944 MT.

(Note the table below gives data to February 21 and basmati data to February 21).

Period: Sept 1 to February 21

		Marketing Year, Year to Date	
MT		2005-06	2004-05
Paddy	Japonica	313	326
	Indica	192	0
Brown	Japonica	23,418	3,502
	Indica	295,362	316,116
	Of which - basmati	121,729	114,232
Semi-milled	Japonica	1,281	1,034
	Indica	1,703	1,394
Milled	Japonica	17,365	14,624
	Indica	60,182	72,613
Total, in milled rice equivalents	Japonica	35,450	18,245
	Indica	265,677	292,200
	Total	301,127	301,445
	Brokens	70,893	63,892

Source: European Commission.
<http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/agri/igriz/library?l=/publicdomain/rice&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

Note: Import licenses, once requested are valid for the month in which they were requested plus a further two months. For example, a license granted on the 10th November would be valid until the end of January.

¹ <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200507/146130161.pdf>